THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

The American Commission for Observation Landed at Cape Town, Africa.

A Quick Run on the United States Ship Swatara.

SCIENTIFIC ARRANGEMENTS

Terrestrial and Oceanic Facts by a Herald Special Correspondent.

UNITED STATES STEAMER SWATARA, CAPE TOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOFE, August 5, 1874.

fhe United States steamer Swatars, with the Venus Transit Commission on board, arrived here this morning, fifty-nine days from New York, including four days spent at Bahla, Brazil, where we souched for coal and fresh provisions. This is an anusually quick passage, and gives us all the more time here for preparing the ship for the real work of the expedition, and affords ample opportunities to the officers of the commission for regu lating their chronometers, arranging details and the Cape there is no telegraphic communication with the rest of the world, and the mails uncertain, otherwise it is peculiarly well fitted for a starting point for the transit expedition. Not only because it is a free port, and sea stores, provisions and clothing of all kinds are cheap and good, but also for the reason that the longitude of the place has been very accurately determined by the National Observatory here, and consequently the astronomers of the commission will have no difficulty in rating the thirty odd chronometers, upon which they will be obliged to rely in determining the geographical position of their

atations.
THE VOYAGE PROM NEW YORK. Cape Town is about 7.000 miles from New York. and hes almost directly to windward, so that in making the passage under sail a vessel is obliged to make three long stretches, crossing the Atlantic each time. This swells the distance to nearly 8,000 miles-long miles, too, for they are made with the yards braced sharp up and the sheers hauled flat aft. First we sailed across to the southward and eastward toward the Cape de Verde Islands, so as to be able to take advantage of the northeast trade winds, which we pick up about midway, carrying them as far as the Doldrums, or the Equatorial belt of calms, storms and variables: when, as if disgusted with the climate, they soar straight up and take the back track, leaving us to furl our canvas and make the best of our way across the debatable water between the two great trade wind belts under steam; across a region where the weather is forever unsettled, where Eolus seems to be always tuning his bagpipes, where there is no Old Probabilities, no clerk of the weather; a latitude where the wind plays at merry-go-round, shifting thirtyave points in as many minutes, blowing high and blowing low; where the very mercury in the barometer seems to have given up all hope of keeping the run of things, and has crawled away down out or sight, as if to keep out of the rain, which comes down in unceasing showers: where the sky is a mass of disorganized, savage-looking such as is a mass of this reality and a straight a straig THE COMMISSIONERS NOT PROOF AGAINST SEASICE-

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Hitherto the motion of the vessel had been
rather insianating, but graceful and easy—a kind
of waitz movement, a combination of the glide and
the Boston dip—and very lew had been actively
sick. But when the saip encountered the heavy,
irregular sea of the Dol.rums nearly every member of the commission succumbed. Nature seemed
to have a special and particular grudge against
these scientists, whose outsiness it is to pry into
ner secrets, and gratified it accordingly. The
motion was so violent, indeed, that John Foster,
raptain of the forecastic, and Peter Wilkins, chief
boatswain's mate, in conclave with some half
dozen other old zoophites and sea skimmers, detided, with heavy hearts, that the weather would
not admit of the performance of the traditional,
time-honored larce of "crossing the line," and so
the greennorms and landsmen escaped for this
time. However, after lour days of this battledore
and shuttlecock, we crossed this part of the terrible zone and fell in with the southeast trades,
which begin to play their part in maintaining the
perperual commerce of heat between the Equator
and the Poles in latitude one degree south, and,
hanling our fires and setting everything that perpetual commerce of near between the boundaries and the Poles in latitude one degree south, and, hanling our fires and setting everything that would draw, one fine, breezy afternoon saw us at

HARBOR OF BAHIA, sne-half of the distance to the Cape accomplished in thirty days. Bahia is a picturesque, unsavory aid city, very much like Lisbon in appearance, with its narrow streets and overhanging balconies. It is situated upon the north shore of the large Bahia (bay) de Todos los Santos. The real name of the city is San Salvador, but in some way or other the whole world have dropped into the habit of calling it Bahia. It is famous for the yellow lever, for its oranges (the finest in the world), for its whale fisheries, for being the outlet of the Brazilian diamond mines and for its churches and anywais. It being the archeussonal city of Brabrazinan diamond mines and for its churches and sonvents, it being the archeptscopal city of Bra-til it is noted, too, for being the scene of the capture of the Confederate cruiser Florida during the war of the rebellion, and, finally, for being the port from which Robinson Crusoe sailed upon his memorable cruise.

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MILITARY FACTS.

They keep a considerable military force stationed here, and in one of the regiments the patron saint of the city, the blessed San Antonio holds a commission. He rendered some miraculous service to the Bahianos during the old buccaneering times, for which he was appointed a sergeant; later, he was promoted to a captaincy, which he holds to this day, and the priests have frawn his pay and allowances for lights, washing, fuel, &c., for nearly three hundred years.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE EXPEDITION.

They have two seasons here, the wet and the showers, and while we were here it rained every day, but this did not prevent the photographers of the expedition from taking dozeus of views of the city and surroundings. And here we lett one of the genitemen, Mr. Seebohm, chiel photographer of the Chatham Island. He had been so prostrated by sea sickness that the surgeon of the Ewalar's, fearing that another trip would prove fatal, recommended that he be sent home. Mr. Bunler, his senior assistant takes as place.

THE SWATARA—HER PERPORMANCE AT SEA.

We remained here for four days—just long enough to fill our bunkers with coal and our lockers with oranges—then steamed out, bound for the Cape. Just outside we met with weather which gave us an opportunity, for the first time, of testing the seagong qualities of our ship, and,

we remained deter blood only lockers with oranges—then steamed out, bound for the Cape. Just outside we met with weather which gave us an opportunity, for the first time, of testing the seagoing qualities of our ship, and, specially, of proving the excellence of her enfines. The Swatara is a new ship, just from the hands of the naval constructor, and is fitted with compound engines, designed and built by the Navy Department, and, being the first of the type ever used in the navy, there was some question as to whether they had power sufficient to control the movements of the ship when we arrived in the atomy regions of the Crozet and Kerguelen stations, which lie right in the track of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the "brave west winds," at the very heart of the windward angainst the heavy headwind and sen of the southeast trades—blowing a gale at this season—at a rate of from seven to nine knots, driving us along as though we were a passenger steamer built for speed alone, and furnishing convincing proof that we could more than hold our own against anything short of a hurricane. Speaking of the swatara and her fitness for the expedition, I must add that she is fast and what sanors call "handy" under sail, making upon more than one occasion from twelve to thirteen knots, with her yards braced up and topzaliant sails set, dragging her four-bladed propeller.

OBSERVATIONS WHEN AT SEA.

We made a very good run across to the Cape, making 4,000 miles in twenty-three days. The early part of the voyage was very pleasant and was especially interesting to the astro

sorts of social courtesies. We will remain here ?-a short time, just long enough to make our final preparations, expecting to sail for the Crozet group about the 15th last.

The British war ship Encounter was disabled on her voyage here, and Captain Chandler has offered to take the two English transit parties with us to Kegueien, so that it is possible that we may have an opportunity of returning some of the nospitaties so kindly extended by the English people at Cape Town.

RAILWAY NUISANCES.

No Locomotive Whistles to be Sounded in the Future-An Important Meeting of the Board of Health.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday Commissioners Smith and Chandler reported that on September 10 they met by appointment John Toucey, Superintendent of the Hudson River Railroad; Charles M. Bissel, Superintendent of the Harlem Railroad; E. M. Read, Superintendent of the New Haven Railroad, and Chauncey M. Depew, counsel to these companies. The subjects of discussion were the methods of abating the nuisances of coal dust, ringing of bells and the use of the steam whistle. The ringing of bells on locomotives is required by law within eighty reds locomotives is required by law within eighty reds of every street crossing, thus preventing the company from discontinuing the bells. It was agreed that the whistles should cease below the Harlem River. Great difficulty is experienced in the burning and use of coal, but it was decided to abate this nuisance, as lar as practicable, by the regulation of the fires on the locomotives. As a result of this conserence the companies issued the following order:—Manager Office, Grang Caurage Dayon; i

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MANAGER'S OFFICE, GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT, NEW YORK SEPL 12, 1874.

By a recent action of the Health Board of the city of New York it is ordered that between Grand Central depot and Harlem River no locomotive whistles be sounded except in actual cases of danger. Conductors of trains must see that all train hands are at their posts and apply and release breaks without a call from engineer as much as practicable. Bells must, however, be rang for all grade crossings as heretofore. It is also ordered that smoke he abated between Grand Central depot and Harlem River as much as possible. To accomplish this fires must be ignited long enough before starting from Grand Central depot to insure coal being thoroughly coked and a sufficient amount of stead to carry the train to 100th street without replenishing fires, it possible, and keep train moving at the required speed. Engineers of trains coming south must colae prepared to avoid replenishing fires between Harlem River and 120th street and south of 100th street required speed. Between 122th street in must be done where it is thinly settled and prove as little annoyance to citzens as possible. In passing through the time of always was be chosen accompanied to a supplied the street, sofing north.

Dr. Harris, Registrar of Vital Statistics, reported that in the week ending on the 12th inst. there were 583 deaths, while in the previous weeks the mortality among infants decreased very much. The mortality of the last week was equivalent to a week was 72.1. During the last four weeks the mortality among infants decreased very much. The mortality of the last week was equivalent to a yearly death rate of 30.3. The death rate of Vienna has been small this summer by reason of its new and spiendid supply of pure water.

Dr. Day, the Sanitary Superintendent, reported the routine doings of the Sanitary Bureau. The reports were approved and the Board adjourned.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

The Fire Board was to have met at Fireman's Hail yesterday morning, but there was not a quorum of its members present. The books of the Fire Commissioners are now being examined by Commissioner of Accounts Howe, charges of the same character having been made against the Fire Commissioners as those the Commissioners of Charities and Correction are laboring to dispel. It is deciared that nepotism has been in vogue among the Commissioners, that supplies of feed, &c., were provided by their relatives to the Department without their having been awarded conpartment without their having been awarded con-tracts therefor, in accordance with the pro-visions of the charter, which says that all supplies or materials for the departments, amounting in value to \$1,000 or over, shall be advertised for. Commissioner Howe only began his investigation on Monday, and it is therefore too soon now for any results to be stated.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The Commissioners of Charitles and Correction met yesterday morning, but attended to little beyend the ordinary routine of business. They decided to forward their reply to the charges made against them by Commissioner of Accounts Howe to Alderman Cooper, Chairman of the Law Com-mittee of the Beard of Aldermen, to-morrow. The Commissioners say that this document will be a complete answer to the charges. When the reply has been sent to the Foard of Aldermen the Com-missioners will immediately make it public.

CITY EALL GOESIP.

The attaches of the Sheriff's office met yesterday and passed resolutions of condolence with the fam lly of the late Deputy Sheriff, Charles A. Brown, who gled from the effects of a fall from a car on Friday last. They also resolved to attend the juneral of the deceased. The Board of Apportionment will meet on Friday at noon for the transaction of business.

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At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Thursday a new ordinance will be submitted for approval which will enforce on all dealers in hay and straw to give the net and gross weight of each bale, thus preventing the sale for hay or straw of heavy green wood. The ordinance is to take effect five months after its passage.

the Tombs Court now and then in the role of prisoner, went into the lager beer saloon kept by Ferdinand Genna, at No. 43 Mulberry street, and called for a glass of beer. Genna gave her the beer, and when she had drank it she marched toward the door, saying she had no money to pay for her drink. Believing what she said to be true, Genna issued from behind the counter and assisted the woman into the street. In a few minutes she returned, in company with officer Regan, of the sixth precinct, who said he had come to arrest the proprietor for assault and battery. Genna was behind the bar cutting bread, and as he does not understand English he did not pay particular attention to what the officer said until he came up to him and attempted to drag him out. Genna's wife ran to his assistance and the officer grabbed her and dragged her and her husband off to the station house. In the station house a charge of assault and battery was entered against the couple by the woman who had refused to pay for her beer. In the meantime the store and its business were left to any one who chose to take possession of them.

Yesterday morning, in court, the Judge dismissed the case of assault and battery, as he knew the complainant to be a parson of material. ward the door, saying she had no money to pay

missed the case of assault and battery, as he knew the complainant to be a person of unsteady habits and unworthy of belief. Then Officer Regan, who had made a boast that he would have the Ifalian sent up to the Island somehow or other, thought of the knife and entered a charge of as-sault and battery against Genna, which the Court entertained.

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boast" might have been said on account of zeal-ousness and not on account of malice, and conse-quently he locked Genna up on the charge of the officer, who, by the way, will not have the pleasure of seeing the Italian go to the Island, as his fine was paid last night and he is to be released this morning.

THE HAGER KIDNAPPING AND MURDER CASE.

This morning, at eleven o'clock, Coroner Croker will commence an investigation into the circum stances attending the case of Jacob Hager, the intant two months old, who, it is alleged, was kid napped by Elizabeth Munger, a discharged nurse, napped by Elizabeth Munger, a discharged nurse, and clandestinely brought from the house of his parents in Greenpoint, L. I., to this city. The child, it will be remembered, was lound in a pile of lumber, foot of Nineteenth street, North River, with its skull fractured and in a dying condition, but it lived long enough to be removed to Bellevue Hospital, when death ensued. During the examination, which promises to be somewhat protracted, witnesses will be called from Greenpoint, Jersey City, and also from this city. Eminent counsel have been engaged for the prisoner.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY FAIR,

The refreshing rain which descended upon the parched earth yesterday proved most inauspicious for the success of the Westchester County Fair, which was commenced on the grounds of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, near White Plains, on Tuesday. Throughout the day the numper of visitors to be seen outside of the building devoted to the exhibition of fruits, vegetables and miscellaneous products of domestic art and industry was not calculated to make a favorable impression upon the minds of the managers, and even in the departments mentioned it was easily observable that the excessive moisture outside had proved an effectual "damper" on the spirits of the meagre attendance. Those in charge of refreshment stands presented pictures of despair, while the proprietors of side shows and "live currosities" looked as though their tents had been pitched in the wrong place. It was arranged that trais of speed and other attractive features would be introduced to-day, but owing to the heavy condition of the track it is scarcely probable that owners of fast horses will be anxious to test the merits of their respective lavorites under such admiscellaneous products of domestic art and in-

THE WEBSTER STATUE.

Letter from the Sole Surviving Literary Executor of the Massachusetts States

The following letter from Mr. George Ticknot Curtis was written and forwarded to the HERALD before the writer had learned of the death of his brother, Judge B. R. Curtis, whose demise was announced in the HERALD yesterday morning:-

To rue Enton or the Heart days since the magnificent offer of Mr. Burnham to erect a colosest bronze statue of lamiel Webser in Central Park, and having been an intimate friend of Mr. Websier and being his sole surviving literary executor. I naturally read this proposal with the proposal personer of Mr. Burnham's personal acquaintance, but immediately sought to know him, and to express to him my grateful appreciation of his public spirit and of the generosity of his noble offer. As I found him filled with a hearty seal and a profound feeling of venoration for no one will think it singular that he should have my warmest sympathy.

It is a great thing that Mr. Burnham has offered to do. It in no less than to transmit to posterity, by all that the one of the most remarkable men that America has produced. It is not necessary to claim for Mr. Webster that he was the greatest statesman of his time. What he was, what he did for his conntry, in what a peculiar relative was his intellectual pre-emmence, what was the union in him of vast mental power and pursest patriotism, all are weit aware. All, too, are aware that in him the physical man was, in the most extraordinary decree an ethal wore united with his mortal frame. We demander that were united with his mortal frame. We have a customed to feel that there never was such another human presence; and if those who never left the influence of that presence may think that this was enthusiasam, there is yet upon the stage of life hardly any human being so much that was grand and importing. His image is now fixed in the imaginations of probably greater multitudes than it that of any man who has lived in the past one hundred years, with the exceptions of Washingham and the certify of him to truture agree are rapidly passing away. It is not an idealized Webster that those who are to come airly substitution of her obstitution of the post of the provide of the provide has the substitution

THE FLOATING HOSPITAL

Destitute Sick Children's Relief Fund. The following additional contributions have been received by the Rev. Alvah Wiswali, Master of St. John's Guild, and handed to Henry C. De Witt,

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Contributions to the fund are earnestly s OUR MODEL POLICE.

A Saloon Keeper Clubbed for Refusing to Give a Woman Liquor.

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KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

An unknown woman was struck and instantly killed by an express train on the Hudson River Railroad a short distance north of Irvington, Westchester county, about seven o'clock last evening. The engineer, it appears, after rounding short distance in front of the train, and, although short distance in frost of the train, and, although he immediately blew his whistle and pulled the patent brakes, the locomotive struck her with terfific force, mangling the remains in a shocking manner. The body was taken to Tarrytown and subsequently conveyed to Dobb's Ferry, where it was leit in charge of the town authorities. Deceased appeared to be about forty years of age, had on solled and torn habiliments, and is believed to have been a "tramp."

THE DEED FORGERIES.

The case of Sacia was called up in the Tombs Police Court yesterday afternoon for final disposi-tion. Mr. James, of No. 156 West Eleventh street, testified that he had negotiated with Sacia for the sale of certain property on Grand street, Brook-lyn. He agreed to give coal in part payment for lyn. He agreed to give coal in part payment for the property, and went to see that the property was not "water land." From a man who was working on the lots he found that the property belonged to Mr. Sweeney, who lived on Flushing avenue. Mr. James and Mr. Sweeney, on hearing of Sacia's arrest on the charge of conspiracy, com-pared notes and found the affair to be a irandu-ient transaction. Mr. Howe, counsel for Sacia, waived further examination before Judge Flam-mer, and the papers will be sent to the Grand Jury this morning.

SOUTH SIDE RAILROAD. It Is Sold at \$200,000 Above Its Lia-

bilitles. Yesterday noon the forceclosure sale of the South Side Railroad of Long Island took place at the Commercial Exchange, Fulton street, by order of the Supreme Court. The liabilities of the road are \$2,554,225. The terms of the sale were that the bids should exceed this amount, and that twenty per cent of the price, exclusive of the auctioneer's fees, which amounted to \$1,000, the auctioneer's fees, which amounted to \$1,000, should be paid on the day of sale. The balance is to be paid to the relerce on the 25th linst. The bidding was started by Joseph O'Donohue, at \$5,000. There were about 150 persons present at the sale. Mr. E. B. Hinsdale, the manager for A. T. Steward's "Garden City," Long Island, bid \$10,000, and the contest was kept up between Mr. O'Donohue and Mr. Hinsdale. It was finally knocked down to the inter-named gentleman for \$200,000. The purchasers were announced as Herman C. and Affred L. Poppenhusen, of College Point, L. I., and Elizur B. Hinsdale.

THE ALLEGED INSURANCE FRAUDS. Continuation of the Examination at

Jersey City.
The examination of Lewis E. French, Secretary of the so-called Palisade Fire Insurance Company of Jersey City, was continued yesterday before Justice Keese. Several witnesses were examined in relation to the entries of stock on the books of the company. A Mrs. Stanton was placed on the stand, to prove ownership of stock entered on the books, but on cross-examination it leaked out that the certificate of stock which she said was passed over to her by her husband was worthless. Several persons, whose names appear on the books, were searched for at the addresses set down, but could not be found. Mr. John W. Omberson, paying teller of the Pirst National Bank, was examined in relation to the signatures on the mortgages as compared with the entries in the books of the company. This witness occupied the stand for a considerable time, and the case was again postponed: stand, to prove ownership of stock entered on

NEW YORK CITY.

A cricket match will be played to-day at Hoboken between the St. George Cricket Club and the Fall River club. On Friday the Fall River club will play the Staten Island club at Staten Island.

Charles Willis, an Englishman, late private secretary to the late Horace F. Clark, and more recently with Mr. Angustus Scheil, was drowned while bathing in the Ramapo River at Mahwah, N. J., yesterday.

The usual Thursday evening reunion will be held at the Free Training Schools, No. 47 East Tenth street, to-night, at eight o'clock. Signor G. G. Garibold, the eminent amateur vocalist, will sing; Mrs. Dr. Jerome O'Brien will read, and Miss Lancaster will play. All workingwomen are cordially invited to attend. The cooking classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The Seamen's Protective Society met yesterday in Botanic Hall. President Thoms, who was in the chair, read the articles of association, which were in accordance with the proceedings of the preceding meeting. Over one hundred members subscribed to the platform. Several enective speeches were made, breathing defiance against the sailors' boarding house keepers, and enunciat-ing the fundamental principles that Jack has rights which all the world is bound to respect. Meet-ings are to be held weekly.

BROOKLYN.

The ladies of St. Mary's church will hold a fair at the Academy of Music, Montague street, beginning next Monday, in aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who intend building an addition to their conveniat Flatbush, which is now too small for their ne-

The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest over the body of the sonnambulist Patrick Pryor, who died at the hospital from the effect of internal in-juries sustained by walking out of the third story window of his residence, Hudson avenue, on Mon-day night.

Thomas McGrath, fifty-three years of age, was arraigned before Police Justice Walsh yesterday to answer the charge of attempting to take his wife's life by firing at her with a revolver at No. 22 Front street. The prisoner, who is a violent tempered man and addicted to intemperance, claims to have been drunk when he committed the offence. The Justice held McGrath to await examination.

Judge Pratt, of the Supreme Court, vesterday granted an order compelling Mayor Hunter and the Supervisors to show cause why they should not be attached and punished for contempt of court. In July last the Court ordered these offi-cials to pass and pay the payroil of the Commis-sioners of Charties for April. The Supervisors failed to obey the writ, which was made return-able on the first Mouday in September.

LONG ISLAND.

The contract for the sewering of the improvement district of Long Island City will be awarded

The jury in the case of the man Murphy, a watchman in the Third avenue stables, who died suddenly on Friday last, returned a verdict of death from apoplexy.

A right whale, about seventy feet long, was

driven on the beach, opposite Pon Quoque lighthouse, on Sunday. The binbber was worthless, but the bone was sound and was secured by the finders, B. F. Warner & Co. The Mooney brothers, now lodged in the Hemp-

stead Jail on a charge of stealing \$5,000 in United States bonds from the Long Island City Hotel, attempted to break jail on Monday last. They made two unsuccessful attempts to escape from the As-toria Jail while confined there. Yesterday officers Hunt and Weir, of Long

Island City, saved Patrick McDermott, of New York, who, while intoxicated, attempted to cross the track of the Flushing and Northside Railroad as the one P. M. train was passing at the Dutch Kills. McDermott was under the drivers of the engine when rescued. Probably the largest haul of porgies ever made at

one time was made by John Branford, of Patchogue, a day or two ago. There was no attempt made to ascertain the number, but the entire lot weighed about eight tons. The hauf realized in the New York market \$672, clear of freight and commission. Mr. Branford says that when he made the hauf he went around fish enough to load the largest schooner in the Bay. Burgiars have recently been at work at Flat-

lands. On Monday night, while Mr. James Bennett and his son were away at market, leaving Mrs. Bennett at home alone, the house was entered by thieves, who opened a trunk under her bed and took therefrom money and valuables to the amount of about \$300. Mrs. Bennett was not disturbed, and the thieves escaped. The next night the house occupied by Bernard Weavey was visited, and the thieves took a trunk, carried it to an orchard and rified it of its contents, consisting of valuable jeweiry, a gold watch and a number of loreign gold and silver coins, worth upwards of \$300. The loss was not discovered until the broken trunk was lound under an appie tree. The residence of Mr. W. N. Williamson was also entered while most of the family were away at a picnic. The burgiar was discovered however, but made his escape. He is believed to be a man who was formerly employed by Mr. Williamson. nett and his son were away at market, leaving

STATEN ISLAND.

It is understood that a determined move will be made before the next Legislature by the taxpayers of Tompkinsville for the repeal of the dax-ter of that village. It is believed that nine-tenths of the residents of the place will sign a petition to that end.

At the meeting of the Trustees of New Brighton village with the Supervisor of Castleton and the four Justices of the town, to consider the advisability of bonding the town of Castleton to the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of repairing and macadamizing the Richmond turnpike between that town and Middletown, the action taken was decidedly adverse to the proposition, and it is considered as lost.

The authorities of Edgewater have two garbage

carts engaged in collecting rubbish from the streets. They dump the material collected at Chiton about 100 yards from New York avenue, the principal thoroughtare of that place; and the fifth collected from Stapieton in like manner is dumped on the flats at the outskirts of that village, where the people get more enluvium from it than if it had been left on the streets.

The rain yesterday at Staten Island was greeted with rejoicing by every one, the inhabitants baving been almost without fresh water for the past ing been almost without fresh water for the past month. The rain water cisterns have been well filed, and the fail crops, which had been almost destroyed by the long continued drouth, will be saved in part. It will take two or three days of such rain to fall the ponds and brocks with their usual supply, only 0.29 inch of rain having failen before since the 10th of August.

Yesterday merning the body of a young man

at No. 167 Columbia street, South Brooklyn, was found floating in the bay off Conklyn's lumber yard dock, at Stapleton. Coroner Lea held an inquest, dock, at Stapleton. Coroner Lea held an inquest, and the verdict was "Found drowned." The body was delivered to the family for burial. It appears that the deceased, with a number of other young men from Brooklyn, hired a yacht at Gowanus to go sailing down the bay, and while they were going on board in a small boat at Stapleton the boat upset and Seery was drowned.

The Benchlear County Country of Richmond.

The Republican County Convention of Richmond county assembled yesterday at Republican Headquarters. New York avenue. Clitton, and elected the following delegates to the State Convention :-John H. Housman, of Northfield; Wisner H. Townsend, of Southfield, and G. H. Underhill, of Westfield. Alternates—Walter Pero and Cyrus White, of Castleton, and Michael Conklyn, of Southfield. The Convention adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the 10th of next month to elect Congressional and Judiciary delegates.

NEW JERSEY.

Eight hundred tons of grapes, valued at \$125,000 have been shipped from Vincland during the Governor Parker has issued a prociamation

offering a reward of \$600 for the arrest and con-viction of the murderers of Aired Mahan, who was found dead at Morristown on the 5th inst. Stephen Harding, of Morristown, was run over

authorities there. It is said that Keogh had been subporned as a witness by the Coroner, but ran away.

The Gentlemen's Driving Park Association of Paierson, the grounds and track of which are in Bergen county, a short distance from the city, have commenced the erection of a grand stand destined to accommodate 1,000 spectators, and to ience in the grounds of the association, it is proposed to have a trotting match of unusual interest this fail.

An unknown man, who applied for admission to the St. Joseph's Hospital, in Paterson, a few days since, has since died, without being able to give the least information as to his identity. He fell senseless at the hospital door, and failed to revive up to the hour of his death. Who he was or where he came from is an unsolved mystery. The Catholic church took the remains in charge and had them respectably interred.

A fire broke out about four o'clock yesterday morning in the stables of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. The aiarm was quickly given, and by the prompt arrival and management of the Asbury Park fire company the buildings adjoining were saved, also the borses in the stables. There was great excitement among the people of the grove. Fears were entertained as the safety of Grove Cottage and buildings adjoining, but by good management of the Park fire company those buildings were saved; the stables, however, were burned to the ground. Loss, \$900; no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. ment of the Asbury Park fire company the buildings adjoining were saved, also the borses in the stables. There was great excitement among the people of the grove. Fears were entertained as to the safety of Grove Cottage and buildings adjoining, but by good management of the Park fire company those buildings were saved; the stables, however, were burned to the ground. Loss, \$900; no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A \$20,000 SUIT AGAINST A RAILROAD.

The Indicted City Officials of Newark. On Tuesday the Essex County Court opened for the September Term. After the swearing in of the Grand Jury, which includes many leading citizens of the county, the foreman being ex-Sheriff A. M. Rey-nolds, and of the petit jury also, Judge Depue dehvered a brief charge, saying that the only serious case before them was that of infanticide-the case of the young girl who ran away after destroying her illegitimate offspring. Yesterday a case of considerable interest was opened, that of Frederick F. Gibbs against the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey. Gibbs, it seems, was in the employ of the company at Elizabethport, and, in 1871, through the allegest gross negligence of another employé, was run over, had a leg crushed so that it had to be cut off and was for nine weeks in hospital. Gibbs claims "exemplary damages," \$20,000, because the derelict employé had been negligent before and caused injury to persons, but was, nevertheless, retained by the company. The case is still on. There is much public desire to know what course will be pursued toward the indicted city officials of Newark, and whether there will be granted a new trial in the conspiracy case, as the officials desired. As yet nothing has been made known regarding the cases, nor has anything been heard from the Supreme Court touching the motion to quash the Stainsby and Joe Young indictments. case of the young girl who ran away after de-

A POUNDMASTER'S TROUBLES.

Arrest and Imprisonment of a Dog Catcher in Jersey City.

A novel case was brought before Justice Davis, in Jersey City, yesterday, which is likely to circumscribe the almost irresponsible power exercised by poundmasters. The inducements to enterprising juveniles who catch dogs and fowls are so great that they will not stop at scaling a fence and se-curing their booty at all hazards. This trick was tried on the property of Mr. Alex-ander Watson, on Pahsade avenue, yester-day morning, when a squad of young scamps stole a goat from the premises and had it im-pounded. Mr. Watson called on the Poundmaster and told him ne would pay the fee (33) if he would give him the names of the parties who impounded the goat. To this the Poundmaster (William Mc-Gimsey) demurred, and Mr. Watson went before Justice Davis and obtained a warrant for the ar-rest of McGimsey, as the receiver of stolen prop-erty. McGimsey was brought before the Justice, and when asked to return the stolen property, he refused. Justice Davis thereupon committed him to the County Jail to await trial. that they will not stop at scaling a fence and se-

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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Barnum—Fish.—On Wednesday, September 18, at the Church of the Divine Paternity, Fifth avenue, by the Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., P. T. Barnum, Esq., of Waldemere, Bridgeport, Conm., to Nancy, daughter of John Fish, Esq., of Southport, England. Coulson—Chittenben.—On Thursday, September 3, a. St. Peter's church, Eaton square, London, by the Rev. J. Worthington Bliss, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Coulson (brother of the groom) and the Rev. C. M. Sanders, Frederick Charles Blenkinsopp Coulson, son of the late J. B. Coulson, of Blenkinsopp, in the county of Northumberland, and grandson of the late Lord Byron, to Lucia, daughter of the late Lucius Chittenden, of Washington Heights, New York,

Fleitmann—Caesar.—On Tucsday, September 15, 1874, at the Church of the Redeemer, New Brighton, S. I., by the Rev. Dr. Frederind, Ewald Fleitmann, of New York, to Kattle Johanna, daughter of Saul W. and Johanna Chesar, of New Brighton, S. I.

FROUDE—MEADE.—On Wednesday, September 16, by the Rev. Dr. Deems, Bradford Frouds to Minnie Meade, all of New York.

Newark papers please copy.

Hall—Osborne.—At Waterville, Oneida county,

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Hall—Osborke.—At Waterville, Oneids county,
N. Y., on Thursday, September 10, by Rev. Thomas
Bell, Charles C. Hall, of New York, and Mary
CATHERINE, Second daughter of Hon. Amos O.
Osborne, of Waterville.

Johnson—Thorne.—On Thursday, September 2,
at the residence of the bride's uncle, A. C. Burr,
by the Rev. Neilson McVickar, Wallace S. Johnson to Alice M. Thorn, both of this city.

McLoughlin—Dolan.—On Monday, September
14, by the Rev. David S. Merrick, S. J., John C.
McLoughlin to Lizzie M. Flemmin, daughter of
the late Wallam Dolan. No cards.

MCLOCHLIN to Lazzie M. Flemin, daughter of the late William Doian. No cards. PURDY—MARVIN.—On Tuesday, September 18, 1874, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Horacz PURDY to EMMA, second daughter of J. B. Marvin, both of this city. Died.

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Samuel Armstrong.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, 828 Second avenue, on Friday, September 18, at one o'clock P. M.

Berry.—In this city, on Tuesday afternoon, September 15, Charlotte Mary, wife of Richard Berry.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 29 East Thirty-seventh street, on Friday, the 18th inst., at two P. M.

Brown.—Suddenly, on Tuesday morning, September 15, Charles A. Brown, aged 53 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, from his late residence, No. 222 West Thirteenth street, on Thursday, 17th inst, at ten O'clock A. M., to St. Francis Xavier's church, West Sixteenth street, where a solemn mass of requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul; thence to Calvary Cemetery for interment.

At a meeting of the Deputy Sheriffs held at the Sactiff's office, on Wednesday, September 16, 1874, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas it has pleased our Almighty Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst by the hand of deats, our much esteemed and honored associate, Charles A. Brown, and we having assembled together for the most fitting purpose of giving expression to the esteem in which we held him, as well as sympathy in their hour of affliction with those, who were near and dear to him; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we grieve to know that he has passed away from us forever, while we mourn his loss, and in common with his many friends participate in the anguish of heart of those bound to him by the ties of consanguinity, still our grief is not without comfort; for we feel assured that he mas passed to the presence of that Heavenry

participate in the anguish of heart of those bound to him by the ties of consanguinity, still our grief is not without comfort; for we feel assured that he has passed to the presence of that Heavenly Father who ever deals gently and in joving kindness with his erring children; and be it further Resolved, That in our deceased friend we have always recognized those sterling qualities and endearing attributes that tend to make the perfect man, and in the various walks of hie we have ever found him a valued friend and kind adviser. His history is the story of a good man's path—a life of labor, love and unseithsh devotion; a stream of usefulness weiting up from the fountain of duty, increasing, deepening and augmenting until dually, at a ripe old age, it has become lost in the great ocean of eternity. In his public life of many years there has never been a stain, while his private life has been equally irreproachable; and, as years there has never been a stain, while his private hite has been equally irreproachable; and, as we extend to his afflicted family our heartfeit sympathies, may we not say unto them, "Be ye not sorrowin!; he has but gone before to make more pleasant our welcome into the celestial Paradise above?"

NOTICE.—The Deputy Sheriffs will assemble at No. 187 Sixth avenue at nine A. M. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late associate. Charles A. Brown. By order.

John J. Cuming, Under Sheriff, Chairman.

WM. H. Carroll, { Serretaries.

Governor Parker has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$600 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Aired Mahan, who was found dead at Morristown on the \$th inst. Stephen Harding, of Morristown, was run over and fatally injured by a train in the Bergen cut of the Pennsylvania Railroad last evening. He was picked up and taken to Newark, where he now is at St. Michael's Hospital.

A young man while gunning lately at Woodbury shot at a frog which was sitting near nim and succeeded in lodging the contents of the ride in his own arm and shoulder, from the effects of which he soon alteward expired.

Richard Hohohan and James McDermott were arrested and brought before a Justice of the Peace in Trenton for the alleged larceny of a bay horse, valued at \$250, belonging to Patrick Mulvey, of Princeton. They were required to give ball in the sum of \$600 each to answer at court.

Edward Keogh, the man who was arrested in Newark on suspicion of been implicated in the murder of Mahan at Morristown, was yesterday removed to that place upon a requisition from the

CONNER.—On Wednesday, September 16, 1874. Peter Conner, of Harlem, in the 64th year of his age.

The friends of the lamity, also the members of the Harlem Yaeth Club, are respectfully invited to attend his luneral, from the residence of his niece, Mrs. W. E. Vaughan, 138 Bowery, on Sunday, September 20, at one o'clock.

Binghamton (N. Y.) papers please copy.

Cook.—At No. 26 Hudson terrace, Hoboken, Martina Walker Cook, widow of General William Cook and sister of Fron. Robert J. Walker.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, at St. Mary's church, Willow street, Hoboken, on this (Thursday) morning, at half-past ten o'clock.

De Reverse.—At Tarrytown, on Wednesday, September 16, 1874, John De Reverse, is his sath year. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, September 18, at half-past two o'clock P. M., at the Second Reformed church.

CULYER.—At Mount Kisco, on Monday, September C, of congestion of the brain, Mash. Browning, youngest child of John Y. and Phebe M. Culyer, aged 2 years and 2 mouths.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on Thursday, I'th inst., at half-past three P. M.

Flynn.—On Wednesday, September 16, at 47 South Ninth street, Williamsburg, Fannie, youngest daugnter of Susan M. Holly and Thomas Flynn.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Frost.—On Monday, September 14, Grorge W. Frost, aged 29.

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The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 28 Madison street, on Thursday, September 17.

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GAYNOR.—On Wednesday, September 16, MARGARET, relict of James Gaynor.
Relatives and Irrends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her brother. Andrew Delany, 916 Eighth avenue, on Friday, September 18, at one o'clock. San Francisco papers please copy.
GOLLAGHER.—On Tuesday, September 15, after a short and severe illness, John, the oldest son of Thomas and Rosanna Gollagher, aged 25 years.
The friends of deceased are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of John Clark, No. 225 West Twenty-ninth street, on Thursday, September 17, at two o'clock.
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GRESS.—On Tuesday, September 15, 1874, WILLIAM GRESS, aged 33 years.
Elatives and friends and those of his father-inaw, Daniel Egan, are invited to the funeral, from his late residence, 173 Hudson street, at one o'clock, this day (Thursday), for Calvary Cemetery.
Hagan,—On Tuesday, September 15, 1874, Mrs. Arabella Hagan, wife of Edward Hagan, decased, of Secanucs, N. J., in the 73d year of herage.
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Hance.—On Tuesday, September 15, Mary E. Meeker, wife of Theodore F. Hance.

Funeral on Thursday, 17th Inst., from her late residence, No. 166 Believille avenue, Newark, N. J. Harrigax.—In childbirth, on Tuesday, September 15, at No. 100 West street, Mary Anne, wile of Cornelius Hartigan, aged 36 years.

Funeral this day (Thursday), at two o'clock.

Hedden,—On Tuesday, September 15, of brain fever, Lizzie, only daughter of Theodore and Josephine E. Hedden, aged 4 years, 3 months and 14 days.

lays.
Little Elizzie, how we loved her, no tongue can tell
How deep and dearly and how well.
God loved too, and thought it best
To take our little daring home to rest.
Her remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday, September 16.

KELER.—At Yonkers, on Tuesday, September 15, Albert Barry, youngest son of Albert and

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Funeral from St. John's Episcopal church, Yonkers, this day, thursday, at three o'clock f'. M. KERLY.—On Wednesday, September 16, BRIDGET CARRY, the beloved wile of James Keely.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, which leaves the Church of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, on Friday, at two o'clock P. M.

KERP.—At Madison, N. J., on Wednesday, September 16, 1874, Henry Keef, in his sist year.

Relatives and friends of the lamily are respectfully invited to attend the uneral, from the residence of Mrs. Voorhees, at Madison, on Friday afternoon, September 18, at haif-past two o'clock.

KELLY.—On Wednesday, September 18, 1874,

dence of Mrs. Voorhees, at Madison, on Friday afternoon, September 18, at haif-past two o'clock. Kelly.—On Wednesday, September 18, 1874, Matthew Kelly, ged 1 year, I month and 16 days. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday afternoon, 18th inst., at two o'clock, from his parents' residence, 316 East Thirty-sixth streets.

HNAPP.—On Wednesday, September 16, A. Melvin Knapp.—On Wednesday, September 16, A. Melvin Knapp. In the 40th jear of nis age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, Shepherd Knapp, Washington Heights, on Friday, September 18, at half-past ten A. M. Carriages will be in waiting at 152d street depot, on arrival of 9:35 train from Thirtieth street.

McGuirr.—On Tuesday, September 16, Ellen McGuirr. the beloved wife of James McGuirr, deceased, a native of the parish of Killaghas, county Sinco, Ireland, aged 90 years, 6 months and 19 days.

The relatives and friends of the lamily, and those of her son. Bartaley and Patrick McGuire, and her son-in-law, Patrick Hanley, are respectively invited to attend her uneral, this day (Inursday), September 17, at two o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Patrick Hanley, No. 337 Eirst avenue; from thence to Caivary Oemetery for mterment.

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First avenue; irom thence to Calvary Cemetery for miterment.

McKexzie.—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., John Fremont McKenzie, in the 18th year of his age.

The funeral will take place-from his late residence, 234 East 121st street, on Friday, the 18th inst., at twelve o'clock. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Newick.—On Wednesday, September 16, Joseph Newick, in the 46th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the inneral on Saturday, 19th, at half-past two P. M., from his late residence, No. 10s Third avenue, Brooklyn.

Birmingham (Enziand) papers please copy.
OSBORN.—On Sunday, September 18, 1874, Andrew L. OSBORN, the beloved husband of Elizer OSBORN, aged 53.

The friends and relatives, and also Pioneer Lodge No. 70 of Freemasons, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their late brother, at his residence, No. 194 West Tenth street, this day (Thursday), at twelve o'clock.

REINHARDT.—Members of Tompkins Lodge, No. 471, F. and A. M., are hereby summoned to meet at their rooms, Tompkinsville, on Friday, September 18, 1874, at one P. M. sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother, Louis Reinhardt. By order. S. C. HALL, Master.

J. Van Tassell, Secretary.

Shaw.—On Tuesday, September 15, Theodore

SHAW,—On Tuesday, September 15, Theodore Kerlen, infant son of Wm. H. and Carrie K. Shaw, aged 3 months and 12 days. Funeral from the residence of his grandparents, 71 East 127th street, harlem, on Thursday, at three P. M.

SOMMER. -Suddenly, on Wednesday, September 16, Philip Sommer, aged 67 years, 4 months and